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WITH A DISPLACEABLE
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AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -
EXAMINING GROUP 3739San Francisco, CA 94111
February 9, 2004Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time from January 21, 2004 to February 21, 2004 and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 21, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Application No. 09/913,617
Amendment and Request for Reconsideration
After Final Rejection dated February 9, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 21, 2003

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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